

V. *An Account of a New Island raised near Sant-Erini in the Archipelago ; being part of a Letter to Mr. James Petiver, F. R. S. from Dr. W. Sherard, Consul at Smirna, &c.*

Smirna, July 24. 1707.

I Just now receiv'd a Letter from our Consul at *Milo*, with the following Account of a New Island, &c. Take it in his own Words.

“ There happening in this part of the *Archipelago*, at
 “ the Island of *Sant-Erini*, a great Curiosity, I have
 “ thought it worth your Notice. On the 12th of the
 “ last Month there began to rise up an Island a Musket-
 “ shot distant from the Island of *Sant-Erini*, which con-
 “ tinually increasing from Day to Day in the same man-
 “ ner, and troubling the Sea, there arose up several
 “ Rocks, that fixed themselves to this Island ; so that
 “ at this time it is about half a Mile in Circumfe-
 “ rence.

Milo, June 21. 1707, N.S.

Several others have much the same Account. I have writ to *Sant-Erini* for a piece of the Rock, and a more distinct Relation, which you may expect by my next, if worthy of Communication.

W. S.

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Constantinople, Jan. 4. 1708.

They write from the Island of *Sant-Erini* in the *Archipelago*, about 28 Leagues North of the Town of *Candia*, of the first of *December* last, that there was sprung up an Island from the Bottom of the Sea, which at that place is very deep, formed of Stones cast up by a *Volcano* under ground at the Bottom of the Sea, which has often produced the same Effects, and after the same Manner. In the Year 726, in the time of the Emperor *Leo Isauricus*, there was formed an Island on the North side, called the *Burnt Island*, by Matter vomited up and heaped together by this *Volcano*. In the year 1427, in the Month of *December*, this *Burnt Island* was increased by great Rocks cast up by Subterraneous Fires. In the year 1650, in the Month of *September*, the *Volcano* again took Fire, and produced the same Effects, without forming any Island, but only a Shelf or Bank 10 Fathom under Water in the Sea, where it has no Bottom. Lastly, In the Month of *November* last, 1707, the *Volcano* made an Island, which is already two Miles in Circumference, and increases yet (this first of *December*) by Rocks and other new Matter that is thrown up. This Burning was preceded, as at all other times, by violent Shakings of the Earth, followed by a thick Smoak that rose out of the Sea in the day time, and Flames in the Night, and accompanied with a terrible roaring under Ground. There is no Example of the Effects of any *Volcano* at Land like these in the Sea; and yet what renders them the more credible, is, that the Island of *Sant-Erini* it self, is almost all of it composed of Burnt Rocks and Pumice-stones: It produces some sorts of Grain, but has neither Rivers nor Springs, nor any other Water but what is saved in Cisterns.

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